GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1203
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PROCUREMENT OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India(NAFED) has received any request from Government of Kerala to procure Copra from the Coconut farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the amount sanction for the purpose;

(e) whether the Government of Kerala are providing godown facilities for storage of Copra; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala have requested to procure Copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) from the farmers in Kerala.

(c)&(d): To resume the procurement operations of Copra under PSS, Govt. ofIndia has given Govt. Guarantee to State Bank of India as per the requirement and also released an amount of Rs.292.10 crore during the current year. NAFED has alreadyissued instructions to the State Designated Agencies for undertaking procurement.

(e): No Sir.

(f): Question does not arise.